

**CHAPTER NO. 106**

**SENATE BILL NO. 353**

**By Haynes**

**Substituted for: House Bill No. 820**

**By Overbey, Russell Johnson**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, relative to notaries public.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:


SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-16-301(b), is amended by deleting the words "either an impression notary seal or by" and by adding the following new sentence at the end of the subsection:

Nothing herein shall be construed to require a notary public to procure such a rubber or other stamp prior to the expiration of the notary's term of office, and all impression notary seals shall be valid for use until the end of the notary's term of office. Notwithstanding any other provision of law or provision of this act to the contrary, the use of an embossed notary seal after the effective date hereof shall not render such an acknowledgement defective.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

**PASSED: April 28, 2003**

  
JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**APPROVED this 12<sup>th</sup> day of May 2003**

  
PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR